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**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.111  
IN RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION MAILED AUGUST 18, 2005**

Commissioner for Patents  
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office  
Customer Window, Mail Stop Amendment  
Randolph Building  
401 Dulany Street  
Alexandria, VA 22314

Sir :

This is in response to the Office Action mailed August 18, 2005, which sets a three month shortened statutory period for response until November 18, 2005.

Applicant hereby requests an extension of time for two months to extend the period for response until January 18, 2006, and is concurrently filing a formal Request for Extension of Time for two months accompanied by the government fee. If for any reason the Request for Extension of Time is not associated with the file at the Patent and Trademark Office and/or if the fee is deficient and/or any extensions of time or claims fees are necessary to maintain the pendency of this application, this is an express request for any required extension of time to maintain the pendency of the

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application, and authorization to charge any required fee, including any required extension of time fee and/or claim fee to Deposit Account No. 19-0089.

Entry of the instant amendment, with reconsideration and allowance of the application are respectfully requested.

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 3 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 4 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 8 of this paper.